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Administrator's Office is asking for, and, in fact, that they have employed in the past, I think is entirely appropriate. What is that flexibility? That flexibility is the authority to allow county assessors a little bit more time to prepare their abstract of property if they need it, and there are a variety of reasons why that might happen. It might be actions by the TERC, it might be actions by the Property Tax Administrator's Office, it might be actions by the ag land boards so that the assessor might find it impossible to meet the deadlines that we're imposing in statutes. Remember, we've moved that date back from April 1st to March 20th. If moving that date back causes an assessor to legitimately say, I can't meet that deadline, what the change that we're proposing now allows that assessor to do is write a letter to the Property Tax Administrator's Office, says I can't meet the March 20th deadline, here's why. And the Property Tax Administrator's Office, at that point, would be given authority to write back to the county assessor and say, fine, those are good reasons, we will extend the deadline for filing that tax roll or that report of assessment. So that is the flexibility that we would give to the Property Tax Administrator's Office, a flexibility that they could then extend to local county assessors in those situations where it becomes impossible to meet the March 20th deadline. I think that's an appropriate level of flexibility to give to the Property Tax Administrator and to assessors. And I hope that you agree that the other change that's proposed in the amendment is also appropriate. With that, I'd ask your support for the motion to return.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Discussion? Senator Wickersham waives closing. Question before us is the motion to return LB 194 to Select File. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 39 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return the bill.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Question is agreed to. Senator Wickersham, to open on AM1007.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. I...there is nothing I wish to add to the description of the amendment. It